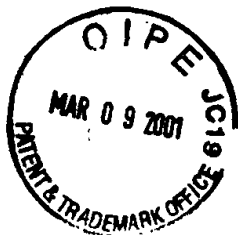


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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Forms for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants note that reference AN can be found in the parent file, U.S. Serial Application No. 08/989,253, now U.S. Patent 5,916,595. If any of the publications listed are missing, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be promptly forwarded.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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